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California Northern Coastal Area of Alcoholics Anonymous

Chair's Preview -- January 2017

Welcome to Panel 67! I'm excited to be serving you and your groups.

Our December Area Committee meeting met early on December 17th. We had a light but lively agenda. With a few minor changes (most notably a reduction in estimated contributions and some adjustments to account for recently passed motions), the 2017 Budget that was presented in November by the finance committee passed without any objection.

The finance committee also brought a housekeeping motion which passed with no objection: That the Annual Delegate Contribution by CNCA to General Service Board in respect to the 2017 General Service Conference be the anticipated full cost per conference member not to exceed \$6,400.00.

District 10 took on the coffee commitment for Panel 67 and District 40's bid for the CNCA Comments was accepted unanimously. We hope to see a bid for the Comentarios in January! The service of providing our newsletter in both English and Spanish is so vital to our communication here in CNCA.

The final Conference agenda topics and background information are expected as usual to arrive the week of February 15th and the Area Officers already have plans to create the Agenda Topics Summaries as soon as the information is available. As Joann announced in December, she will be serving on the Conference Finance Committee.

Lots of us are already making our plans for PRAASA (Pacific Region of Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) March 3rd – 5th in Sacramento, CA. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet and share ideas with people from other areas, and it's not often that it is so close to home, so I encourage you all to get in the car and go! For more information, visit www.praasa.org

Our first Assembly will be April 8-9, and we still have four items of old business on the agenda, so now would be a good time to gather group consciences. You can review the past Assembly minutes published in the January 2016 and September 2016 issues of the Comments, available online at www.cnca06.org. We will be publishing pros and cons in an upcoming issue.

Please note that we will be meeting on the third Saturday again this month, January 21st. In February we will resume our regularly scheduled programming.

In love and service,
Jennifer B.
CNCA Area Chair Panel 67

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Panel 67, especially if you are new to General Service. The theme for the 2017 General Service Conference is "Supporting our Future." All of you are already supporting our future by your commitment and your time serving the fellowship for the next two years. The outlook of Alcoholics Anonymous would not happen if it were not for the dedicated trusted servants like you who work long hours to care for our service structure and our primary purpose of carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. When people ask me why we need General Service, I like to say it helps us do our 12 step work.

We have some interesting presentation and discussion topics this year's conference: Growth, Participation and Contributions. The Feasibility Study last year looked hard at these same three areas. And interestingly, the General Service Board came out last February with a "Strategic Plan" which actually has some action items that address these topics. I say interestingly because the Strategic Plan and the Feasibility Study were parallel yet independent of each other, but after reading them, I thought they complimented each other. I guess it's just the way we think in A.A. You take an inventory, and then look for amends or corrective measures or actions to take.

I hope that the new General Service Representatives for this panel will bring some of these discussion topics to their home groups. In my home group, we call this "courageous conversations" which start with a group inventory, then discussion on how we can carry out a corrective plan. They tell me action is the magic word. Recovery happens with action. Action is the key that will open the door to a brighter future for Alcoholics Anonymous. I applaud all of you for taking action to be a part of General Service.

It will be my honor and privilege to meet with you, talk with you and serve you as the delegate to the 2017 General Service Conference. Together we will care for A.A.

With deep gratitude,

Joann L.
Delegate
Panel 67

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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2016

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held **December 17, 2016** at the Petaluma Community Center. Joann L. opened the meeting at 12:30, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The AA Preamble was read by Candida of District 12. Leslie of District 8 read Tradition 12 and Le Ron of District 12 read Concept 12. There were 2 past delegates present: Diane O. (Panel 35), David N. (Panel 59), and current non trustee Director of AAWS Board. There were 3 GSRs present and 17 new DCMs/DCMC's present. The November 2016 minutes and financial report were accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Birthdays: 89/5. Registered attendance: Voting=51 , Non-voting= 54.

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE *Raymundo L*: Longtime Staff member in NY office, Mary Clare L. has retired effective 11/28/16, after more than 13 years of service. Rick W. has moved into the Conference Assignment and Clement C. will be assuming the responsibilities for Communications Services and continuing his work on Treatment/Accessibilities. The GV and LV Board are pleased to announce that GV Subscription App is available now on the website. Between 2015 and 2016 we contributed with over 100 gift certificates for GV and 25 for LV. We also sent 25 subscriptions for LV to Cuba along with the 25 from last month. They will receive their first issue in February/March. There are extra Conference Reports and Service Manuals available up front. This will be my last Delegate report, and I wish to thank you for my life, sobriety and the opportunity to be of Service. God Bless you all.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE *Phil B*: On 12/1/16 I met with our incoming Alternate Delegate and Area PI/CPC Chair and gave him my pass it on. He is ready to step up and serve you well. At my last officer visit in D70, Sharon A. and I teamed up and gave a presentation on leadership and our third legacy. Ray joined us and we facilitated D70's elections. It has been an honor and privilege to serve CNCA as your Alternate Delegate.

AREA CHAIR *Joann L*: There is still time to sign up for an area committee. There is also some lost and found items that I will be donated to charity after today. I have also been assigned my committee for Panel 67's delegate. I will be on the finance Committee.

TREASURER *Teddy B-W*: We have received so far this month \$3,424.99 in revenue. I have written checks for \$4,343.24, leaving us with a balance of \$19,148.72 plus the prudent reserve of \$9,196.05.

REGISTRAR *Ray W*: Please send your information for the District Committee chairs and new DCM's of your district as soon as possible. There have been over 3000 changes to the data base this panel. Thank you for allowing me to be of service this panel to CNCA.

RECORDING SECRETARY *Barbara S*: Thank you all for letting me be of service in Panel 65. It has been an honor and privilege to visit each of your districts. My world and life has been expanded in ways that you will never know, nor can I express. I will be doing the pass it on to the new Secretary on January 3, 2017 and I am sure that it is in good hands. The Panel 65 motions books will be available for all new DCMCs, Committee chairs and officers at the ACM business meeting in January.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR *Michael Q*: Thank you all for allowing me to be of service for the last 4 years. It is impossible to put into words the gratitude in my heart. Thank you all for your participation at the DCM's sharing session this panel. It is the best meeting at the ACM. Thanks to all the Assembly chairs for their time, energy that is involved for the preparation of the assemblies. The early arrivals, the decorations and the food, I know we're the best fed area in all of AA. Welcome and congratulations to our new and continuing officers. Thank you to those officers rotating out, I love you guys. Area service changes you forever, it has brought me closer to becoming the man my higher power and family envisioned me to be. I owe that all to you.

LITERATURE/GV *Agustin L*: Please remind all your groups that if their subscriptions are about to expire, please renew them now. Introduce all the newcomers to GV and LV in your groups. Special officers from the GV all expire on 12/31/16. They include free shipping on books, pocket planners for 2017 and One Day at a Time Calendars for 2017. There are also more items on the web. Please visit before 12/31/16.

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

DISTRICT REPORTS

01 MONTEREY *Susan G*: One of our new GSR's heard Ray-mundo talk about donations of GV and LV subscriptions at the Election Assembly for inmates. She took the information back to her group and knowing that there would be a slight lag in the first magazine being sent, she passed around a Thanksgiving Card for the group to sign and sent it as an inspiration to the inmate to stay sober. She received back, a 2-page letter filled with gratitude for the GV gift.

02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO *Elijah H*: We continued elections this month, and elected a new treasurer. The ad hoc committee for the budget and finances submitted its recommendations. Included was a list of services for us to consider providing to our district. We will be identifying and prioritizing these suggestions as we move forward into the upcoming panel. Many thanks to our Area Officers for the support, presentation and information that they provided to our District.

03 SANTA CRUZ *Jeff W*: We completed our elections for our new District Officers. Filled 9 out of 11 DCM positions. Expect to fill 2 remaining DCM positions next month.

04 SANTA CLARA NORTH *Eric L*: No business occurred at our last district meeting. We instead celebrated the past two years and sent out an invitation to the larger AA community to come check our district. We held a speaker meeting at which the outgoing Intergroup chair spoke. We shared good food and reflected on Panel 65.

40 SANTA CLARA SOUTH *Miguel H*: We will have our district meeting on Tuesday and will be having a pot luck. We are still working on our pass it on to Panel 67. We will be presenting a bid today to do the comments for P67. Thank you all the outgoing Area Officers for breaking the rock and making the road for us in P67. I will miss you all.

05 SAN MATEO *Erica S*: We have not had our district meeting yet, but will be attempting to fill the remaining vacant positions for next Panel. Our incoming District Officers attended our planning meeting and pass it on are underway. Enthusiasm is high and we are looking forward to P67.

06 SAN FRANCISCO *Rhys G*: District 06 is in good hands. There has been a lot of activity and as a result, all positions have been filled. It has been a wonderful experience to service District 06 and CNCA. We had a presentation of new business to have 4 scholarships to attend PRAASA. Come back next month to find out the results of the motion.

07 ALAMEDA NORTH *Thomas V*: We have not had our meeting yet this month, and will be having a pot luck.

70 ALAMEDA SOUTH *Kathleen L*: We had our elections last month, and had so many qualified members making themselves available, it was exciting to see the passion for GS and AA. Everyone is working on their pass downs and we will finish our elections on Monday, after our annual Holiday Potluck.

08 CONTRA COSTA *Laura W*: We filled 6 out of 10 DCM positions and most of them have an alternate. We have filled all but one of the District Officer positions and a couple of people are checking their availability with this position. I know that the new officers and DCMC will serve our district well. This has been an incredible experience, and thank you all for letting me be of service.

09 SOLANO SOUTH *John M*: We have had our last district meeting for P65. We have filled most of our positions and with a combination of new and returning members. We had a chance for the pass it on at the district meeting and enjoyed some refreshments, and said our goodbyes. We are also participating in the Inter-District Workshop with our friends from Napa, Solano North and Lake. Next year's event is coming fast and will be held on January 28th in Middletown.

90 SOLANO NORTH *Evelyn O*: We had low attendance at our District meeting. Some officers were busy with family emergencies. Great presentation and sharing on GS. PI/CPC continues to report they are continuing to get request from local schools and DUI classes for presentation. Existing DCMs and myself have rotated into other positions and are looking forward to working with our new DCMs and DCMC. We are still discussing the Website being transferred to our Intergroup and have asked the GSR's to discuss with their groups. We were hoping to resolve this issue before the new panel, but have continuing discussions with members.

10 MARIN *Chris H*: We have not had our meeting yet this month, so there is nothing to report. The new officers will be setting the agenda for the meeting. We will be electing our liaison positions at the District. We will also be getting a sense of the room to determine if a two-night male and female rooms and/or scholarships are needed for this upcoming PRAASA.

11 NAPA *Mary S*: We held our elections in December, and all positions are filled except for a DCM in the Upper Valley Sub-District. A proposed budget has been sent out by the outgoing financial committee, subject to the review and discussion by the incoming P67. Thank you all for your service and my best wishes to those continuing to serve at CNCA.

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

12 SONOMA *Jennifer B*: The state of the district is good. We held the rest of our elections in December and filled all remaining officers and committee positions. Flyers for the annual Agenda Topics Workshop which will be held on February 18 are available in English and Spanish. District 18 leads one of the mock sharing sessions in Spanish.

13 LAKE *Scotty G*: Pot luck at our last district meeting. We have filled half our positions and our elections will continue. We had a PI/CPC presentation at our potluck, along with planning of the Inter-district workshop on December 28.

14 MENDOCINO *Tim D*: We had another successful sponsorship workshop in Sub-District 001. At our District meeting tomorrow, we will continue with elections and 2017 budget.

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE *Candida W-V*: We have all our district positions filled for P67, except the DCMC. Treasury is in good shape and P67 will be discussing raising our prudent reserve and changing our travel reimbursement policies. Our PI/CPC committee continues to do all requested presentations for HART and Fire Camps and BTG is doing 2 presentations a month and following up on blue card requests. Our website has 1222 visitors last month with 100% up time. I can't say enough about how wonderful it has been to serve at the District and Area. It's been an experience I wouldn't have wanted to miss. I love my District and thank you all for your patience and support that allowed us to be part of AA as a whole.

16 SPANISH CENTRAL *Reynaldo M*: We attended the Inter-districtal meeting at D20 in Richmond, thank you for the unity and information. We still visit the Mexican counsel on Mondays and Wednesdays. We will have our last meeting on the 19th.

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Benito C*: We don't have much going on this month. We did have a service committee meeting. We are still encouraging groups to have GSR's. We attended the Inter Districtal at District 20. We had our pass on at our District meeting.

18 SPANISH NORTH *Ramiro A*: The district participated at the Districtal at District 20. We held our election meeting and all positions except one has been filled. Tomorrow is our last business meeting at the district where we will just do our pass it on to Panel 67.

19 SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH *Fermin M*: We are continuing to visit all the groups and encouraging participation for GSR's. We were at the anniversary for District 20. We have filled all our officer positions for Panel 67.

20 SPANISH EAST *Enrique E*: We had a pot luck at our

District meeting. We will be having the pass it on of our service positions. We have only been a district for 5 years, but have learned so much from this area. We are grateful for all your support that you have given us as a district.

AREA SUB-COMMITTEES

ARCHIVES *Sheri W*: We filled our last 2 positions today, and reflected on our service this panel. We also talked about our open house and had some conversations about our video library. At the beginning of this panel, we were just a small committee, and have grown over this panel into an active large committee. I am confident that the committee is in good hands for panel 67

BRIDGING THE GAP *Bill B*: With 5 Districts reporting, there were 19 presentations and 93 requests for contact. We had a sharing session at our business meeting this month. I know that panel 67 is in good hands for this committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Russ A*: We had a great meeting this month, and had a potluck. The state of CNCA treasury is sound thanks to the participation of your groups and the trusted servants for being prudent with their expenses. What I have learned is there is nothing like the dedication of an alcoholic to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

PI/CPC *Phil B*: Next month there will be a presentation of new business from the PI/CPC Committee, on having GSO and GSB produce a new PSA using actors-no members. Today we heard from our local committees sharing their experience serving on the committee during P65. We had our annual pot luck. Welcome to the incoming members for P67 and thank you all that served through P65.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE *Cheryl G*: Today we discussed the continuing progress of a new web site. In Nov. we had 3,607 visits from 1,588 unique visitors. That's about 320 visits per day. We also summarized the status of our current work and listed a few of the projects going forward in the next panel.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION COMMITTEE *Claudia N*: No Report

CNCA COMMENTS *Robin T*: We mailed 945 bulk mail and 37 first class comments in December. Total cost \$565.00. We are excited and available for a pass 9t on to the incoming Comments Editor and District. It has been a wonderful commitment.

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

COMENTARIOS DE ACNC *Manuel R*: Thank you all for the opportunity to be in service for P65. I would like to encourage any district to make themselves available to do this commitment. It is a great opportunity to be of service and to learn how AA works.

DCM SHARING SESSION No Report

GRAPEVINE/LA VINA *Agustin L*: We had a discussion on some of the problems with LaVina and the delivery of subscriptions. Some situations are that people are writing their address wrong. They are thinking of using google maps to find out if the address really exists.

NCCAA *Linda G*: Our 70th year is 2017. We are asking for GSO involvement to celebrate. March 10 is our first conference in Foster City. This will probably be the last conference at this facility. We now have Spanish speaking AA members and AI-Anon participating at our conferences. Registration is open now, by mail or on line. \$15.00 prior, and \$20.00 at the door.

H&I *Diane O*: This has been a great panel at CNCA. I am excited for the new officers for Panel 67. We are grateful at H & I for your contributions in the pink cans. The motion to donate the \$50,000 will be talked about at our general meeting. We are working on an ad hoc committee to set up guide lines as to what to do with excess funds.

ACYPAA REPORT *Avery J*: Planning for ACYPAA is going great. It will be held 3/30/17-4/2/17 in San Ramon. Speakers coming from all over US. Our next business meeting is Dec 18th 2-4 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Oakland. Our next event is a "Lip Sync Battle" 1/7/17 6-11 P.M @ 5951 College Avenue, Oakland.

LV ANNIVERSARY *Nicolas G*: Not too much to report. There are 40 registrations now for the event. We will be electing a new liaison for the anniversary next month. The logo and theme meeting will be on January 21.

HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS:

That the Annual Delegate Contribution by CNCA to General Service Board in respect to the 2017 General Service Conference be the anticipated full cost per conference member not to exceed \$6,400.00- Finance Committee

There were no objections to the motion <<Motion Passed>>

2017 Budget – Finance Committee - Since last month we passed two motions that affected the budget, one was with the Delegates expense to NY Conference to \$3500 and the BTG Committee budget \$1200.00. We also took into consideration the suggestions to reduce the groups contribution to \$90,000. With these minor adjustments we will be ending 2017 with a deficit budget of \$- 2909.00. Which is well within the guidelines of CNCA06.

Q. You changed the contributions, is that group contribution? A. Yes, we reduced down to \$90,000.00 at the suggestions of some of the Area Officers.

Are there any objections to the 2017 budget? Seeing none, the 2017 budget has <<passed>>.

Coffee Commitment: District 10 was approved for providing coffee for Panel 67.

CNCA COMMENTS/COMENTARIOS BIDS:

District 40's bid to for the CNCA Comments. Total bid cost \$8,739.00. Q. The current budget is \$7,640.00, your bid is \$8,739.00 with your added savings that you are explaining, the cost will be close to \$7,900.00. A. Yes, it will be close to \$7,500. Q. This is the amount that you are submitting, but the finance committee is showing something lower in the budget. Are we going to increase the budget, or are you going to give an amended bid? A. I don't know. Q. \$7390.00 is what you are estimated, and the budget is \$7,640.00 is that correct? A. Yes. Q. For the last two years, I have been getting 2 or 3 copies of the comments? Can it be confirmed that two or more are not being mailed to the same person? A. When we become aware of this, we try to change the data base. It is not the responsibility of the District; it is the responsibility of the Registrar.

The bid was accepted by the committee with a unanimous vote.

(SEVENTH TRADITION AND BREAK 2:00 to 2:15 pm)

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

Report back from the Ad Hoc Committee on Area Assemblies:

We have been working as a committee for about 6 months. The committee was Erica S. DCMC D05, Enrique DCMC D20, Jeff, DCMC D03, Tim DCMC D14, Tom DCMC D07, David N. Past Delegate.

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

The committee expressed that it did not see any reason to change CNCA 06 assembly practice. Assembly practices grew organically over the years out of the population, geography, and many other factors in the several areas. The amount of "business" at CNCA reflects the large number of groups and level of participation. CNCA 06 practice mirrors the trustee and conference system, per our charter. Trustees can make decisions, but historically move much business to conference action. The committee felt that CNCA 06 provides more opportunity to hear from GSR's than many other areas do, both for area business and conference issues. The committee finds that there is general interest in hosting assemblies among the various districts. A majority of districts support co-hosting to aid with logistics and in the spirit of building unity. The district consciences reflect no need to make major changes in assembly structure, timing, or content, with some acknowledgment that the conduct of business has improved during this Panel. While district consciences contained many individual suggestions about improving assemblies – ranging from providing chocolate to dispensing with business altogether – the committee has not identified any pervasive specific suggestion for Area action at this time from the districts or the individual general service members. The Committee recommends, however, that the Area develop a more comprehensive written set of guidelines to assist districts in understanding the responsibilities, challenges, and benefits of hosting (or co-hosting). The updated guidelines would be separate from district to district pass-it-on. The committee also recommends that the Area continue to support the districts with discussions about assembly bidding and participation. We sent out questions to GSR's at the Districts, DCMC's and Area's across the US. As a committee we looked at all the responses and patterns. There is a more in-depth report that looks at each area of historical, comparison to other areas, and District sharing's. The conclusion was read to the committee and will be posted on the website for content in full. The final committee recommendations: The committee expressed that it did not see any reason to change CNCA 06 assembly practice. The committee also recommends that the Area develop a more comprehensive written set of guidelines to assist districts in understanding the responsibilities, challenges, and benefits of hosting (or co-hosting). The updated guidelines would be separate from district to district pass-it on. (Full Report Available from Committee Chair)

Q. One of the questions that came up during discussions, it was suggested to drop maybe the post conference or summer assemblies. Did you discuss that? A. We did look at that, but the GSR's and districts did not see any reason to change any of the assemblies. Q. One of the things that came up during the discussion was about business at the assemblies. Did you talk about any of this especially with business back log? Q. We did, with the long gap between the summer and pre conference assembly, we saw no need to change. The change that did happen with this panel, and the additional time to the business meeting schedule, that problem seemed to correct itself. Q. One of the questions was to rotate the assemblies between the districts, what did you think about that? A. When we looked at this, we did see a rotation of the assemblies. We did see a strong feeling from the districts to host or co-host an assembly, even though there were some challenges to doing that. Q. What did you see from the other areas as far as registration fees? Did you see any areas that charged a District registration fee? A. It was only one or two areas that asked for registration fees for the individual, we did not see any registration fee for Districts. Q. So you all think that we are doing the best that we can as far as assemblies? A. The main thing that people were concerned about was giving districts more information about the guidelines of assemblies and to have access to more information as to why host an assembly. The assemblies themselves the area seems to be ok with the way the assemblies are done now. Q. Did you look at the future costs of assemblies? A. We did not look at facilities and patterns of costs, the DCMC's did express concern about the costs, and there is more detail in the longer report. The DCMC's did express this in the sharing session that they were able to give us feedback. The idea of co-host seems to open up more facilities to other districts. This is more of a budget issue; it was not really in the scope of what the committee was looking at. Q. Can you explain what you learned from other areas? A. There were some areas that had more assemblies then what we have, maybe one or 2. We asked what they do at the assemblies. A. There is a wide variety of things that assemblies do with there time. We did feel that at our area, we get to hear the voice of our members. When you are dealing with areas that are close to our structure, with 12 committee meetings, and larger populations, they tend to do 4 assemblies a year. // I think we need to keep in mind where our assemblies are, and to make sure that all districts get to participate.

California Northern Coastal Area Statement of Financial Position

As of November 30, 2016

		<u>Total</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
B of A Checking # 000098017980		21,913.71
B of A Savings # 00982-09562		9,196.05
Total Bank Accounts	\$	31,109.76
Other Current Assets		
1499 Undeposited Funds		550.00
Assembly Deposits		2,751.90
Total Other Current Assets	\$	3,301.90
Total Current Assets	\$	34,411.66
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	34,411.66
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Total Liabilities		
Equity		
3900 Operating Funds - Adjusted		17,161.73
Prudent Reserve		9,194.86
Net Revenue		8,055.07
Total Equity	\$	34,411.66
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$	34,411.66

Expense Report November 2016

California Northern Coastal Area Budget vs. Actuals: 2016 Budget - FY16 P&L

January - November, 2016

	Total			
	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget
Revenue				
Assembly Contributions	9,182.00	9,000.00	182.00	102.02%
CNCA Comments Subscriptions	6.00	60.00	-54.00	10.00%
District Contributions	15,872.00	11,500.00	4,372.00	138.02%
Group Contributions	84,907.28	77,000.00	7,907.28	110.27%
H & I Archives Rent	1,100.00	500.00	600.00	220.00%
Interest Income/Prudent Reserve	2.22	5.00	-2.78	44.40%
Personal/Misc. Contributions	1,179.99	1,510.00	-330.01	78.15%
Tradition 7, Area Committee	3,050.13	3,300.00	-249.87	92.43%
Total Revenue	\$ 115,299.62	\$ 102,875.00	\$ 12,424.62	112.08%
Gross Profit	\$ 115,299.62	\$ 102,875.00	\$ 12,424.62	112.08%
Expenditures				
Committee Expense	19,332.23	27,324.25	-7,992.02	70.75%
Delegate Expense	7,930.79	9,065.00	-1,134.21	87.49%
General Expense	54,260.21	52,325.50	1,934.71	103.70%
Officer Expense	26,968.68	28,704.75	-1,736.07	93.95%
Total Expenditures	\$ 108,491.91	\$ 117,419.50	-\$ 8,927.59	92.40%
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 6,807.71	-\$ 14,544.50	\$ 21,352.21	-46.81%
Other Revenue				
Refunds/Rebates	1,247.87		1,247.87	
Total Other Revenue	\$ 1,247.87	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,247.87	
Other Expenditures				
Reconciliation Discrepancies-1	0.51		0.51	
Total Other Expenditures	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.51	
Net Other Revenue	\$ 1,247.36	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,247.36	
Net Revenue	\$ 8,055.07	-\$ 14,544.50	\$ 22,599.57	-55.38%

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

Report on the Steering Committee for the NAATW – Murias

I am excited to have been elected to the Steering Committee of the NAATW. This year is the first year that the founding members are not on the steering committee. The commitment is 5 years long, at the end of every workshop the chair is elected. The committee started as 2 members and we are now at 7 members. Please feel free to continue to ask me questions about the workshop. We are getting more and more members from further and further away. This year we increased our attendance by about 20%. It is a good cross section of the members of AA. We have AAWS Board members, Delegates, Past Delegates and web committees and just general members. This workshop we had 2 tracks of workshops and are trying to be self-supporting. We are down to two locations for next year in Sacramento and Texas. We are looking at using the workshop as technology as a service, or look at maybe technology and AA and suggestions. We have talked about applications and other software and the data base at NY for meetings. We look at it all and explore other avenues. We are looking at starting a repository of files and suggestions for resources for the members. More will be revealed. Q. What was the registration last year? A. About 112. Q. Is this considered a group or an external part of service. Is GSO looking at getting involved? A. GSO sends people to talk to us and listens to what we have to say about better ways of doing things. There have been members who have helped GSO with technology. As for a direct contact with GSO, it would take a direct motion from a body like this to make that happen? Q. Is there a mission statement for this workshop? A. There is a mission statement, but I don't have it with me. The guidelines have just been updated that include an updated mission statement. There is a website that has our old mission statement, and should be updated soon.

Joann L. passed the gavel to Panel 67 chair, Jennifer B, for the remainder of the meeting.

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

Sharing on your experience of Panel 65

I have had an incredible experience this panel. I had an internal conflict coming here today because of a funeral. I know that this room shows up even outside this room. At the Archives workshop you showed up. I am proud to be a member of CNCA. // I would like to thank you all for letting me serve this panel. What I need to say is not very easy. I have struggled with my position as a DCMC. I seemed to be butting heads at my district with

other officers, and the GSR's were getting board. My thought is to do without a DCMC and create a position that they would be only for Unity Day or assemblies. I did not know that I was to do this. // Panel 65 has been great. I am excited to serve in Panel 67. I enjoy GS, and have learned a lot. // Thank you to the officers for their hard work. Thanks to the interpretation for the translation we have had here in P 65. // I have sat in the officers meeting at 8:15, thinking that the 8 of us are running one of the largest areas of AA. It is not us, it is the tradition and concepts that run this area. The concepts have transformed me into a human being. I want to welcome the new officers for P67. When we started P65, we spent a lot of money and the business meetings were not going right, we had the discussions and it seems to be all working well. // I have expectations, and the cool thing is that what really happens far exceed my expectations. // We are never alone in AA; I have already heard what I was going to say. I treasure all of this. The I & T services that we provide at the ACM and Assemblies and work of the committee is incredible. In the real world I find myself thinking we do this better. I don't speak Spanish so I'm not sure they are doing it correct, but the reaction I see from our members tells me we do this well. // It seems that these 2 years should not be over. My service gave me the opportunity to learn. I was left alone at times, but I remember the first agenda topic workshop no one showed up, and I thought if they are not interested why am I. When I showed up here, I was encouraged and got the support to continue my service. // This is emotional, any district that has not hosted an assembly, come to D10 and we will help. My husband tells me I am so much happier when I come home from GS. // I took a job, there was a job to do, and I started to come here with no clue how to do the job. I have learned a lot. God does not choose the qualified, he qualifies the chosen. Sometimes I get discouraged but my job is just to carry the message. This has changed me. At the forum, the regional trustee said not to just sit and take notes, have an experience. That has happened for me here. While I was doing a job, you all walked into my heart. // I came here not learning, I don't know how I got this service, I just raised my hand. Service is growth, I am anti-social and you have changed me. I feel accepted and a part of now. I feel frustrated that my district does not have a DCMC. AA is a spiritual community of gems. // Thank you for keeping me busy and sober. I have enjoyed. When I was thinking about whether I was available for service to area, and how I would get around. Thank you all for picking me up, driving me home, staying at homes. This has been the best part of my experi-

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

ence. If you are thinking about making yourself available, and don't own a car, come talk to me. You can do it. Thank you to all the officers for serving with me, I look forward to the time we spend together. // What I have received all these years here is this. There was no solution for me until I came here. I lost everything and was living on the streets and basements. I never thought you would elect someone like me. I kept coming back because I need to serve. Service makes me feel different. I would not trade the feeling of peace I get for serving with you. That was all I was every looking for. I have found my solution here. There is room for me in the back now. Thank you all for making yourselves available. For showing up, our area is in good hands. We will support, we will just be changing the hats we wear. // The last 2 years have been incredible. Thank you all for your support for the Archives workshop. When we made the bid in 2013, there was a lot of concern that our area would not show up, we showed up, thank you for the districts to fund members to attend. // I received a text from Doug in Tokyo and wanted me to carry his love to P65 officers as individuals and for the service you have provided to AA and the job that you will continue to do. I know that I will continue to see you all. Raymundo we have a chair on the porch for you and will be happy to have you join us. There is a small 't' tradition that we have not carried out for Raymundo, and you will all have to keep coming back to

see this. I will tell you it has something to do with feathers. // Thank you all for allowing me to serve in GS. I will be rotating out and returning to service with my local group. I hope I see you all at PRAASA. // I remember the first time I heard Raymundo talked at one of our anniversaries. He was explaining how he ended up where he was. He developed many questions in my head, and how he has improved his English through service. Since then I have had some medical troubles and family troubles. I have two service sponsors, but I still like coming hand hearing you all talk. If one point maybe I can be a GSR or DCMC. I am excited to participate in the special needs sharing session we are starting here. // I just wanted to see what it feels like on this side of the mic. The last 2 years I have been listening to you and your voices. This is going to be a change for me in P67. I hope that I can serve you the next two years well, serving on the finance committee as someone that thinks that if I have checks I have money. I want to tell you I accept this responsibility.

The meeting was closed at 3:30 pm with the Responsibility Statement.

Submitted with Love and Gratitude,
Barbara S
CNCA Panel 65 Recording Secretary

ASSEMBLY DATES CALENDAR

PANEL 67 ASSEMBLY DATES

2017 Pre-Conference Assembly

April 8-9, Alameda County Fairgrounds
(Hosted by Districts 20 and 08)

2017 Post-Conference Assembly

May 13, Lake County Fairgrounds, Lakeport
(Hosted by District 13)

2017 Summer Assembly

August 5, Petaluma Community Center
(Hosted by District 18)

2017 Fall Inventory Assembly

November 4, Petaluma Veteran's Hall
(Hosted by District 12)

2018 Pre-Conference Assembly

April 7-8

2018 Post-Conference Assembly

May 12, Solano County Fairgrounds, Vallejo
(Hosted by District 09)

2018 Summer Assembly

August 4 or August 11

2018 Fall Election Assembly

November 03 or November 10

(Underlined dates preferred)

If your District is considering making a bid for an Assembly, please contact the Assembly Coordinator Erica S. by visiting the "contact us" tab on the www.cnca06.org website



Accessibilities Sharing Session

Every 4th Saturday at 10am - 11am
Starting February 25, 2017

Petaluma Community Center
Conference Room #3
320 N. McDowell Blvd
Petaluma, CA 94954

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Area Committee:

Assembly Bids:

Housekeeping Motions:

Guidelines:

Presentation of New Business:

Old Business at Area Committee Meeting:

New business at Area Committee Meeting:

Discussion topic: None

Area Assembly Motions:

Housekeeping Motions:

Presentation of New Business at Area Assembly:

Old Business at Area Assembly:

- “That the General Service Conference develops a pamphlet sharing experience, strength and hope on group safety.”
- “That all Area business in CNCA be decided by substantial unanimity, usually 2/3.”
- “That CNCA moves to reintroduce the following section (From page 6 of the AA Member – Medications & Other Drugs, Revised 2011 and also from the 1998 edition of Living Sober page 89) in “Appendix*” in Living Sober (2012 edition). Placement of the below text will follow the current section **Note to medical professionals** (page 90)” :

“Some alcoholics require medication.

We recognize that alcoholics are not immune to other diseases. Some of us have had to cope with depressions that can be suicidal; schizophrenia that sometimes requires hospitalization; bipolar disorder, and other mental and biological illnesses. Also among us are diabetics, epileptics, members with heart trouble, cancer, allergies, hypertension, and many other serious physical conditions. Because of the difficulties that many alcoholics have with drugs, some members have taken the position that no one in A.A. should take any medication. While this position has undoubtedly prevented relapses for some it has meant disaster for others .A.A. members and many of their physicians have described situations in which depressed patients have been told by A.A.s to throw away the pills, only to have depression return with all its difficulties, sometimes resulting in suicide. We have heard, too, from members with other conditions, in-

cluding schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, epilepsy and others requiring medication, that well-meaning A.A. friends discourage them from taking any prescribed medication. Unfortunately, by following a layperson’s advice, the sufferers find that their conditions can return with all their previous intensity. On top of that, they feel guilty because they are convinced that “A.A. is against pills. It becomes clear that just as it is wrong to enable or support any alcoholic to become readdicted to any drug, it’s equally wrong to deprive any alcoholic of medication, which can alleviate or control other disabling physical and/or emotional problems.” —*Presented by District 07*

“That language similar to the following be added to the section “How Decisions Affecting A.A. Are Made” in “The A.A. Group” pamphlet at the conclusion of the following sentence: Annually, groups from the U.S. and Canada elect delegates (serving two-year terms) from their areas to the yearly meeting of the Conference in New York—to hear the reports of the board's committees, G.S.O. and Grapevine staffs, and to recommend future directions, mainly in the form of Advisory Actions.

“Prior to the annual General Service Conference a list of important issues to be discussed during the Conference is published and made available to each and every Group in the U.S. and Canada. Because these issues make up a part of the entire General Service Conference Agenda, they are referred to as Agenda Topics. Every Group in the U.S. and Canada has the opportunity to review, discuss, and develop an informed Group Conscience on these Agenda Topics. The Group’s GSR then carries the Group’s Conscience on Conference Agenda Topics to the Area’s Delegate, usually at an Area Assembly prior to the General Service Conference. The Area Delegate then represents the collective conscience of the Groups in the Area at the General Service Conference on these matters vital to A.A. as a whole.” —*Presented by District 11*

New Business at the Area Assembly: None

CNCA CALENDAR -- PANEL 67

2017—Panel 67

January **21—Area Committee Mtg**
February **25—Area Committee Mtg**
March **3-5—PRAASA,**
 McClellan Conference Center,
 Sacramento, Hosted by CNIA 07
April **25—Area Committee Mtg**
 8,9—Pre Conference Assembly,
 Alameda Fairgrounds, hosted by
 Districts 08 and 20
 23-29—General Service Conf, NY
May **22—Area Committee Mtg**
 13—Post Conference Assembly,
 Lake County Fairgrounds, Lake-
 port
 Hosted by Dist 13
June **27—Area Committee Mtg**
July **24—Area Committee Mtg**
August **22—Area Committee Mtg**
 5 —Summer Assembly, Petaluma
 Community Center, hosted by Dis-
 trict 18
September **26—Area Committee Mtg**
October **23—Area Committee Mtg**
November **28—Area Committee Mtg**
 4—Fall Inventory Assembly,
 Petaluma Veterans Building, hosted
 by District 12
December **25—Area Committee Mtg**
 16—Area Committee Mtg

2018—Panel 67

January **27—Area Committee Mtg**
February **24—Area Committee Mtg**
March **24—Area Committee Mtg**
April **7,8—Pre Conference Assembly**
 22-28 General Service Conf., NY
 28—Area Committee Mtg
May **12—Post Conference Assembly**
 Solano County Fairgrounds, hosted
 by District 09
June **26—Area Committee Mtg**
July **23—Area Committee Mtg**
August **28—Area Committee Mtg**
 4 or 11—Summer Assembly
 25—Area Committee Mtg
September **22—Area Committee Mtg**
October **27—Area Committee Mtg**
November **10—Election Assembly**
 24—Area Committee Mtg
December **15—Area Committee Mtg**

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are the 4th Saturday every month. Sharing Sessions - 10 am
Standing Committee Meetings - 11 am
Area Business Meeting 12:30 - 3:30 pm

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Public Information/ Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC) meets at 11:00 am. For information contact Teddy B-W by visiting the “contact us” tab on the www.cnca06.org website.

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